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Police Charge Ellicott City Man with Attempted Murder *Victim, Identified as Suspect's Ex-Wife, in Critical Condition*

An Ellicott City man has been arrested today after police discovered his ex-wife assaulted and in critical condition at an apartment they shared. The man, who has been identified as Ghafour Asemani, 37, is being charged with first and second degree attempted murder as well as assault and reckless endangerment.

At approximately 8:15 a.m. this morning, Asemani walked into Howard County Police Headquarters in Ellicott City and told an officer that he wished to report a crime. After advising that he and his ex-wife were involved in a domestic dispute, officers responded to the residence that the two shared in the 8800 block of Town and County Boulevard, Ellicott City. Police found the victim unresponsive inside the residence.

The victim has been identified as Samira Salmassi, 38. She was flown to Shock Trauma and is currently in critical condition.

Investigators believe that Asemani and Salmassi were involved in a domestic altercation at their residence between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. this morning, during which Asemani assaulted Salmassi, causing her serious injury. Asemani then left the residence and waited several hours before reporting the incident to police.

The investigation is continuing. More information will be released as it becomes available.

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